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PC To Start Dormitory, Surveys Future

Presbyterian College looks to its future.

The board of trustees has authorized construction of a new dormitory on the campus, to begin as soon as possible. And a study aimed toward the future development of PC already is under way in the two controlling Synods of Georgia and South Carolina.

Work on the new dormitory, estimated to cost approximately \$200,000 and with facilities for about 100 students, is expected to start within the next few months. It will be ready for use at the opening of the 1955-56 session next fall.

President Marshall W. Brown has announced this trustee building committee appointed by the Rev. William B. Ward of Spartanburg, board chairman: P. S. Bailey of Clinton, committee chairman; J. F. Jacobs and Robert M. Vance, both of Clinton; and J. C. Todd of Laurens. This group is expected to reach a decision shortly on the architectural firm to be employed for the dormitory construction, and work will proceed from there.

Dr. Brown pointed out that approximately one-half of the cost of the new dormitory already has been obtained from churches in the two Synods and that numerous other congregations have pledged their support once the construction has started.

The program to renovate and expand dormitory facilities at Presbyterian College moved a full stride forward during the past summer with complete remodeling of Laurens Dormitory. It now offers living accommodations unsurpassed on the campus, Dr. Brown said. The president added:

"A new dormitory is an emergency need at Presbyterian

College. When it is completed, PC will have adequate rooming space for the first time since World War II. Waiting lists on applicants have been maintained during all of this post-war period."

The development survey looks beyond the new dormitory to the fulfillment of needs almost as pressing. Floyd Freeman, a representative of the Marts and Lundy firm with a wide range of experience in development work, started his study the second week in December. He began by interviewing alumni and friends of PC in Clinton and will gradually extend his field to cover as much of the two Synods as possible. The survey will cover a period of six weeks.

President Brown expressed satisfaction over the initiation of the survey. He pointed out other institutions have found these studies to be most helpful in planning for their future development, and he said he hoped Presbyterian College would be able to launch a broad program of its own within the near

PC Enrollment Again Exceeds Capacity

Presbyterian College registered 475 students for the start of its 74th session this fall.

This total represented another capacity enrollment, with all dormitory facilities filled and with some 40 additional resident students being accommodated in nearby homes of Clinton.

Even so, more than 25 percent of the applicants this year were refused admittance to PC because of inability to meet the scholastic entrance requirements.

Bulletin On College Started For Friends

"Keeping Posted" on Presbyterian College" originates with this issue of the little bulletin.

Its purpose is to carry a monthly message about PC to friends of Christian Education in general, and in particular to keep Presbyterian leaders within the controlling Synods of Georgia and South Carolina informed of the work of the College in attempting to serve its constituency.

Approximately 6,000 elders and deacons within the two Synods are included on the mailing list for the first issue, and it is hoped this number will be doubled by the time the list is completed. Some 3,000 alumni also will receive the mailing, as a supplement to the larger magazine distributed quarterly, and more than 500 non-alumni parents whose sons are now attending or have attended PC within the past two years.

"Keeping Posted" will be published each month of the school year, a total of nine issues annually. It is prepared and distributed without charge by the Department of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs, and any request for a name to be placed on the mailing list should be addressed to this office.

Women's President Offers Tribute

Words of praise for Presbyterian College were carried in the annual report given recently by Mrs. W. Rex Josey of Manning, president of the Women-of-the-Church for the Synod of South Carolina.

Mrs. Josey said:

"Through the experience of attending the 7th Synodical Training School which was in session on this campus last June 14-19, we as the Women of the Church have come to appreciate this honored institution. We are grateful for its tradition to which we are heirs, for its contribution, through the Ministry and the laity, both to our Church and to society at large. We are made the more aware of its needs, which are essentially our needs as Presbyterians in South Carolina, more conscious of the privilege that is ours, in company with the whole church, to give henceforth more generously to Presbyterian College of our prayers, our patronage and our money."

Seminary Call Strong For 1954 Graduates

Almost 25 percent of Presbyterian's 1954 graduating class are now enrolled in theological seminaries preparing to enter the ministry of Christ.

Twenty of the total 85 seniors who received degrees last June are studying in three seminaries. Columbia Seminary of Decatur, Ga., has 17 of these most recent graduates. One is enrolled at Union Seminary in Richmond, and two graduates are studying at Southeastern (Baptist) Seminary in Winston-Salem, N. C.

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future. Union Theological Seminary in Richmond and Davidson College are among the many institutions that have utilized the services of Marts and Lundy in recent years.

1,000 Young And Old

Presbyterians Make PC Their Center

Presbyterians made Presbyterian College their center of operations more in 1954 than in any previous year in the recent history of the institution.

Seven large assemblies, bringing more than 1,000 leaders and young people to the PC campus, were held here during the past several months.

As the calendar year closes on this full schedule of church activity, Presbyterian College extends an invitation to its people in the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina and humbly rededicates itself to whatever service the College may render.

For the first time since 1930, both of the Synods held their annual stated sessions at Presbyterian College this year. The Synod of Georgia assembled on July 13-14 for its 110th session, and the Synod of South Carolina met on August 31-September 2 for its 109th session. Approximately 200 ministers and lay leaders attended each meeting.

The Synodical Training School of the South Carolina Synod—meeting at PC for the first time—brought approximately 110 Presbyterian women leaders to the campus, June 20-25. The group decided to make PC the regular location for this annual training school.

These three meetings were the high points for the year, but four other important sessions found large crowds of young people and young adults assembling in Christian fellowship. The South Carolina Synod Westminster Fellowship Conference was held March 5-7; the Young Adult Rally, on March 27. The Synod also came to PC again for its Senior High Fellowship Leadership School on June 7-14, and the Pee Dee Presbytery held its annual Senior Fellowship Conference on June 20-25.

Thus, Presbyterian College received in 1954 the wisdom of its leaders and the enthusiasm of its youth. It was a great year for the school.

. . . And Name Alumni To Lead Synods



These three Presbyterian College alumni, all outstanding ministers, have been chosen to lead the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina during the coming year. They are, on the left: the Rev. Clarence E. Piephoff, pastor of the College Park, Ga., Presbyterian Church, newly elected Moderator of the Georgia Synod. And in the picture at right, the Rev. Francis B. Mayes, pastor of the Park Circle Presbyterian Church of North Charleston, newly elected Moderator of the South Carolina Synod; and the Rev. Frank B. Estes, director of religious work in the Savannah River atomic energy area, stated clerk of the South Carolina Synod.

Meet The Faculty

Marshall W. Brown, President

Dr. Marshall W. Brown, approaching the ten-year mark as president of Presbyterian College, already has one of the longest tenures of the 14 chief executives who have headed PC affairs since its founding in 1880.

Only two other men have served longer: Dr. D. M. Douglas, whose term of office extended from 1911 to 1926; and Dr. William P. Jacobs, 1935 to 1945.

Dr. Brown became president in February, 1945, moving up from the deanship he had held for 16 years to succeed Dr. Jacobs. Altogether, as history teacher, dean and then president, he is rounding out his 30th year of association with Presbyterian College.


Marshall W. Brown came from McCallie School of Chattanooga to PC in 1925 as a professor of history under the administration of Dr. Douglas. Three years later he stepped into the dean's chair. He brought with him to Presbyterian an educational background which included Castle Heights Military Academy, a B.A. degree from Centre College, an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin and further graduate study at the University of Chicago and the University of Vienna (Austria). He was awarded a Ped.D. by Davidson College in 1937 and an LL.D. by Centre in 1946.

In the almost ten years of President Brown's administration, Presbyterian College has more than doubled its endowment, has received highest recognition for its academic work and has increased the size of its enrollment to approximately 500 students.

Dr. Brown himself also has received high recognition among South Carolina educators. He was chosen president of the South Carolina Historical Association in 1933-34 and president of the Southern Conference of Academic Deans, 1937-38. He currently represents the state on the executive committee of the board of control for Southern Regional Education and is a member of the board of education of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

An elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton, Dr. Brown is a former moderator of the South Carolina Presbytery and was named the Synod's Man-of-the-Year for 1952. He is a past president of the Clinton Kiwanis Club.

The PC president is married to the former Miss Lillian Dee Gross of Chattanooga, who served as college registrar for 17 years and who is called affectionately "Mrs. Bee" by hundreds of alumni.



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